

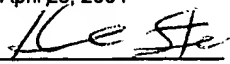
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Applicant: Franklin et al.  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 24, 2003 for one month from March 24, 2004 to April 26, 2004 (April 24, 2004 fell on a Saturday).

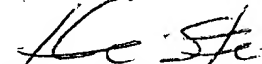
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